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Dr. Robert Morison  
Rockefeller Foundation  
49 West 49 Street  
New York 20, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Morison:

May I acknowledge your letter of the 21st. I was rather afraid you might have to reply in those terms, and would be the last person to quarrel with a sound policy, especially in view of the Foundation's generosity to my program here at Wisconsin during the past decade. The \$ few thousand in question would have been helpful in tiding us over an awkward gap, but if all goes well with my other applications I imagine we will find some way to keep going until our finances are straightened out again in an orderly fashion.

I am indeed looking forward to a close association with Professor Kaplan, who is so much more than a 'radiologist'. One line of work I hope to branch out in at Stanford to a degree that was not feasible here is the cellular basis of antibody formation, in collaboration with my Australian colleague, Dr. G. Mossal, whom I worked with in Melbourne last year: he is planning to spend an interval with us at Stanford starting next summer. Our project cuts close to many of Kaplan's ideas and aspects of his going studies.

I will be on the Stanford campus myself the week of January 21, leaving open the possibility of returning to Madison for a week or ten days after that, before finally moving. I will be tied up, however, for the weekend (24-25)

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

CC: Dean Alway

P.S. You will doubtless receive, in good time, formal notice of the termination of my 'active direction of the research' supported by the grant in question. The timing happens, in any case, to fall within the six months' term allowed by the conditions of the grant to the University.